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1. SUMMARY - I CALLED FOREIGN MINISTERS VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA, VIGNES, DE LA FLOR, AND CALVANI SUNDAY MORNING, GAVE THEM GREETINGS FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH AND SUGGESTED THE TIME CHANGES FOR BILATERALS PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT. ALL FOUND THE SUGGESTED TIMES SATISFACTORY AND SEEMED VERY PLEASED THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE CALLING ON THEM IN THEIR SUITES. WITH NUANCES OF DIFFERENCES WHICH MIGHT BE EXPECTED, VIGNES, CALVANI, AND DE LA FLOR WERE MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE MFM AND WERE EXPECTANTLY AWAITING THE SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION BEFORE THE MEETING. THEY AGREED THAT THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE POSITIVE IN TONE. MY TALK WITH VIGNES NOT SUBSTANTIVE. NONE OF THE MINISTERS HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES AND CONSEQUENTLY HAD LITTLE NEWS TO IMPART. WHEN I CALLED BRAZILIAN FONMIN GIBSON BARBOZA HE WAS STILL ASLEEP BUT I TALKED TO AMBASSADOR MACIEL AND WE AGREED ON THE CHANGED TIME. CAMINO REAL SUITE NUMBERS ARE: GIBSON BARBOZA 2638; VIGNES 2618; DE LA FLOR 3618; CALVANI 1618; VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA 5638. END SUMMARY

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2. CALVANI SAID THAT THE FACT THAT THE MEETING WAS TAKING PLACE AND THAT LATIN AMERICANS WOULD SPEAK WITH A UNITED VOICE ON MOST ITEMS WAS GOOD NEWS IN ITSELF. HE SAID, DESPITE THE OPTIMISM, CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN

TO ASSURE THAT THE MEETING NOT DEGENERATE INTO A MORASS OF MEANINGLESS SPEECHES OR CONFRONTATION. HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, STRESSING THAT "BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM". HE WAS INCLINED TO RESIST THE DESIRE OF THE MEXICANS AND OTHERS FOR AN ELABORATE FINAL STATEMENT. WE SHOULD LEARN FROM THE EUROPEANS, HE SAID, WHO ENDED THEIR MEETINGS WITH LACONIC STATEMENTS THAT THEY HAD AGREED ON CERTAIN POINTS AND DISAGREED ON OTHERS, BUT HAD FOUND THE DISCUSSIONS FRUITFUL AND INTENDED TO CONTINUE THEM ON SUCH-AND-SUCH A DATE. CALVANI SAID THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT SPECTACULAR RESULTS BUT WOULD CONSIDER IT A BOON IF INDEED THERE WERE SPECIFIC ADVANCES OR SOLUTIONS WHICH COULD BE HERALDED IN THE FINAL STATEMENT. HE AGREED WITH ME THAT WE SHOULD ISSUE A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZING OUR COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS AND NOT DESCENDING TO CONFRONTATIONAL LANGUAGE. CALVANI SAID HE HAD TALKED AT LENGTH WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT PEREZ AND FOUND THAT THEIR SHARED VIEWS OF THE INCOMING AND OUTGOING ADMINISTRATIONS WERE SUCH HE COULD SPEAK HERE WITH SOME AUTHORITY FOR BOTH.

3. VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA SAID HE HAD SPOKEN ONLY WITH RABASA SO FAR AND HAD MADE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR ACHIEVING A MEETING WHICH WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL DESPITE THE SIZE AND DIVERSITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS. I SUGGESTED THAT THE FORMAL COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE POSITIVE IN TONE AND HE AGREED THAT CONFRONTATIONAL LANGUAGE SHOULD AND COULD BE AVOIDED. HE SAID IT SHOULD BE NOT ONLY POSITIVE BUT FAIRLY SPECIFIC IN ITS TERMS. WE HAVE HEARD TOO MANY GENERALITIES ALREADY AND WE SHOULD TRY TO GO BEYOND THIS, HE SAID.

4. DE LA FLOR SAID THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING SEEMED TO BE GOING VERY WELL AND THAT THE END RESULT WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON THE POSITION OF THE US ON THE EIGHT  
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POINTS OF THE BOGOTA AGENDA. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS COMING IN A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE VEIN AND THIS SPOKE WELL FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF A GOOD MEETING. I MENTIONED OUR VIEWS ON THE FINAL STATEMENT AND DE LA FLOR AGREED THAT WE SHOULD SEEK TO AVOID THE LANGUAGE OF CONFRONTATION. HE SAID THIS WAS AFTER ALL A HISTORIC CONFERENCE AND SHOULD END UP BETTER THAN OTHERS OF THE RECENT PAST. HE WAS NEVERTHELESS MORE GUARDED IN HIS OPTIMISM AND TENDED MORE TO PUT THE ONUS ON THE US THAN CALVANI OR VAZQUEZ.

5. AMBASSADOR MACIEL SUGGESTED THAT HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH

WITH GIBSON BARBOZA LATER AS HE THOUGHT THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH ME. MACIEL SAID  
IT WAS PREMATURE TO FORM OPINIONS ABOUT THE LATIN  
MFMM AS THE MEETINGS HAD NOT YET BEGUN. HE AGREED  
WITH MY PROPOSAL THAT THE FINAL STATEMENT BE POSITIVE  
IN TONE. HE SAID THE MEXICAN "SUGGESTIONS" WERE "DREADFUL-  
AWFUL"; NOTHING COULD BE DONE WITH THAT DOCUMENT.  
HE FELT THAT THE MEXICANS REALIZED THAT THEIR  
PEOPLE HAD RECEIVED NO SUPPORT AND HENCE WOULD NOT  
PUSH IT.  
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